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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Accelerating Broadband Deployment, GN Docket No. 17-83 and
Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing
Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 16, 2017, the undersigned, along with Vice Mayor David Luna of the City of Mesa, Arizona, met with Chairman Ajit Pai and Rachael Bender, Wireless and International Advisor.

During the meeting, we discussed the newly-formed Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), as well as the above referenced Public Notice. We commended the Chairman for his attempt to convene a wide variety of stakeholders within the framework of the BDAC to discuss common solutions for accelerating broadband deployment to all communities, but echoed the concerns raised by Mayor Sam Liccardo's representative during the first BDAC meeting. While additional highly qualified local representatives have been appointed to several of the BDAC working groups, the National League of Cities continued to urge the Commission to increase the number and diversity of local officials on the BDAC to a level comparable with the number and diversity of industry officials. NLC asked the Chairman to prioritize gaining input from local officials throughout the BDAC's work.

We also discussed the pending wireless item, "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment," and NLC's strong opposition to further restrictions of local authority. We urged the Chairman not to

further pursue regulation on wireless siting matters as they pertain to local governments until the work of the BDAC has progressed and the group has had a chance to convene and make recommendations to the Commission. We discussed the strong desire by local governments to ensure that their residents have access to reliable broadband service, and to work collaboratively with providers to ensure that service is made available. We encouraged the Chairman to work in the direction of partnership with, rather than preemption of, local officials, who share his goal of closing the digital divide.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Angelina Panettieri

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